



Elk River City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 4, 2024
5:00 p.m. – 5:42 p.m.

Andrew Bloom Community Center, 112 South Second Street, Elk River, Idaho

Members present: Mayor Dave Brown, Councilwoman Tena Williams, Councilwoman Debbie Manwaring, Councilwoman Denise Schroedl

Members absent: Councilwoman Marsha Martin

Staff absent: Christina Bartlett: Clerk/Treasurer, Randy Ball: Public Works

Visitors: Ted Sharpe: Merrick & Co., JW Ingraham: Elk River Fire Department, Steve Piper, Vicki & Larry Buchert, Mike & Taffey Blewett, Larry Schwartz: Clearwater Highway District Commissioner, John Sieckowski: Life Flight Business Area Manager

1. Call to order
 - Mayor Dave called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - Was said.
3. Approve minutes: August 14, 2024 meeting
 - Councilwoman Schroedl made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting. Councilwoman Manwaring 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Williams – aye, Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**
4. Financial Report
 - Councilwoman Manwaring inquired about missing figures in the bills details and other places. It was explained that the Clerk had not received those in time for the meeting. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to accept the financial report. Councilwoman Manwaring 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Williams – aye, Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**
 - a. Pay bills
 - Councilwoman Manwaring made a motion to pay the bills. Councilwoman Schroedl 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Williams – aye, Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Visitors:**
 - Larry Buchert voiced concerns about people spinning brodies and messing up the roads in the area.
 - Vicki Buchert inquired about when the Verizon cell phone tower was supposed to be done. Councilwoman Williams replied that the parties involved are still working through legal paperwork. They are hoping to get it done this year still.
6. **Reports**
 - a. Clerk
 - o Mayor Dave went over the Clerk report.
 - b. Public Works
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 - c. Mayor
 - o Normal taking in water tests & deposits. Shelley McLam secured a grant for a new larger gazebo for the Elk River Recreation District Community Park in town. DEQ awarded City over \$4 million towards Phase II of sewer project. Awarded GEM grant for helipad.

- d. Council
 - o Councilwoman Manwaring is there anything in city ordinance for camping in City right of ways. There is not anything in the current in ordinance. This is being addressed in the review of ordinance. There has been a camper along the right of way of Front Street for awhile. JW Ingraham stated that the owner is waiting for family to come pick it up.
- e. Fire Department
 - o Assistant Chief JW Ingraham reported that they had a really good year. Getting things ready for winter.
- f. Clearwater Highway District
 - o Larry Schwartz addressed the room. Hope to get dust abatement done earlier next year. Would like to work with the City next year to get it done at the same time. Want to talk about snow plowing where the snow mobile parking lot and trail going out with working with City and Forest Service on Landing Road. Going to start logging on Dent campground tomorrow but will be hauling through Orofino.
- g. Ambulance
 - o None.

Council Business Items

7. Wastewater Facilities Project update

- Ted Sharpe reported that things are going well. Next week they hope to be start putting equipment in the new buildings. Pumps need to be installed yet. Piping should be in next week. Waiting on some valves to come in, but they are not too far out. Hope to have pumps started up mid-October and everything going end of October. A couple of small change orders resulting in \$4,000-\$5,000 extra. Still sounds like the substantial completion deadline for applying for the 2nd Community Development Block Grant for Phase II will be met.

8. Clearwater County solid waste contract and update

- Mayor Dave will go down Monday to meet with the County Commissioners again to try to come to an agreement. The County Commissioners have verbally agreed several times in the past to reimburse the City for the solid waste fee the County collects on the resident's property tax bills but they have now reneged on it. The Commissioners have already passed and signed the agreement they have come up with. The City has not signed the County's version.

9. Helipad update

- John stated that the landing area on 4th Street between the Fire Hall and City shop has safety concerns for Life Flight to land up there. They understand the City's reasons for the area. They looked at the landing strip and area next to it that has been used before. John has talked with Kane, C-PTPA, about using the airstrip and he is in favor of it. Vicki Buchert asked if it would be paved. John stated that it is not necessary but is a luxury and is appreciated. Vicki also asked who would keep it plowed open. Councilwoman Williams stated that she had spoken with Kane, C-PTPA, and he stated to her that they would be bringing up equipment and they would keep it plowed. Keeping it plowed is more for the ambulance to get to the helicopter; snow is not a problem for the helicopter. Steve Piper voiced concerns about snowmobile traffic were brought up. Kane has asked to meet with the Mayor and Life Flight to find the ideal area. Steve also asked if someone from the snowmobile club could be present. Councilwoman Williams stated she would be

representing the Groomer's Association. It was stated that would be possible for a representative from the Snowmobile club to be present.

10. Elk River communication issue possible update

- Waiting on generator parts. Sheriff Goetz, Kane and Robin with C-PTPA, having been dealing with vandalism that has been happening on Elk Butte. They are looking at security cameras for up there.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.